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## Help with Honey Bee Swarms



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Honey bees usually swarm during warm months. Swarming is how they reproduce the colony and make more colonies in an area. First new queens are started. The old queen quits laying eggs and her abdomen gets smaller so she can fly. When the new queens are ready to emerge, the old queen takes part of the colony and flies away. The bees stay in a tight grouping as they fly. They will land on various places, including buildings, tree branches, and machinery, to rest and give the scout bees a chance to find a new home. As the bees are resting, some bees are continuously flying around. Many beekeepers will remove swarms or assist in their control.

Beekeepers on this list have agreed to be available for this service. If you would like to be contacted for swarm removal but are not on this list, please contact your state inspector.

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## HONEY BEE SWARM LIST

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COUNTY	NAME	PHONE NUMBER	CITY
Cascade	Shirley Barrow	406-264-5798	Great Falls
Cascade	Brian Rogers	406-781-6331	Great Falls
Cascade	James Spaan	719-645-9675	Great Falls
Cascade	Caryl Ward	406-452-6906	Great Falls
Daniels	James Rodenberg	406-653-2565	Wolf Point
Daniels	Jim Rodenberg	406-653-1488	Wolf Point
Flathead	Arvon & Helen Fielding	406-756-7511	Kalispell
Flathead	Ken Lambeth	406-849-5039	Big Arm
Flathead	Thomas Lawrence	406-837-4545	Big Fork
Gallatin	Peter Wolfgram	406-580-4761	Belgrade
Gallatin	Steve Thorston	406-580-4944	Bozeman
Lake	Bruce Basler	406-883-4848	Polson
Lake	Ken Lambeth	406-250-8433	Big Arm
Lewis & Clark	Cam Lay	406-438-3303	Helena
Lewis & Clark	Jeff Gerth	406-431-1466	Helena
Lewis & Clark	Ed Heinlein	406-461-8478	Helena
Lewis & Clark	Steve Platt	406-202-2457	Helena
Lewis & Clark	John Quintrell	406-458-1950	Helena
Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater	Jim Richmand	406-459-3815	
Lewis & Clark	Jeff Peterson	406-431-7836	Helena
Lincoln	Robert McLaury	406-293-3022	Libby
McCone	James Rodenberg	406-653-2565	Wolf Point
McCone	Jim Rodenberg	406-653-1488	Wolf Point
Missoula	Charles DeVoe	406-239-5245	Missoula
Missoula	Jacob Wustner	406-370-9089	Missoula
Ravalli	Jacob Wustner	406-370-9089	Missoula
Ravalli	Dan Mayer	406-360-5435	Hamilton
Roosevelt	James Rodenberg	406-653-2565	Wolf Point
Sheridan	James Rodenberg	406-653-2565	Wolf Point
Sheridan	Jim Rodenberg	406-653-1488	Wolf Point
Stillwater	Patty Sundberg	406-322-5780	Columbus
Teton	Lloyd & Brenda Cunniff	406-466-5803	Choteau
Wheatland	Cody Gantz	406-780-0236	Shawmut
Yellowstone	Alisa Bartos	701-269-8967	Billings
Yellowstone	Mike Foster	406-850-3741	Billings
Yellowstone	Alan Lohof	406-671-8977	Billings
Yellowstone	Chuck Bushey	406-697-2454	Billings